CHAPTER 298

EDUCATION - PUBLIC SCHOOLS

HOUSE BILL 94-1358

BY REPRESENTATIVES Jerke, Acquafresca, Faatz, Clark, Moellenberg, Schauer, Anderson, Keller, Pierson, and Sullivan; also SENATORS Norton, Mendez, and Roberts.

AN ACT

CONCERNING DELAY OF THE REQUIRED DEMONSTRATION OF PROFESSIONAL COMPETENCIES FOR PROVISIONAL EDUCATOR LICENSE APPLICANTS WHO COMPLETE EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAMS ON OR AFTER JULY 1, 1994, BUT PRIOR TO JULY 1, 1995.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:

- **SECTION 1.** 22-60.5-201 (1) (b) (I) (C), (1) (b) (III), and (1) (c) (I) (B), Colorado Revised Statutes, 1988 Repl. Vol., as amended, are amended, and the said 22-60.5-201 (1) (c) (I) is further amended BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SUB-SUBPARAGRAPH, to read:
- **22-60.5-201. Types of teacher licenses issued term.** (1) The department of education is designated as the sole agency authorized to issue the following teacher licenses to persons of good moral character:
- (b) **Provisional teacher license.** (I) Except as otherwise provided in subparagraph (II) of this paragraph (b), the department of education, in its discretion, may issue a provisional teacher license to any applicant who:
- (C) Has demonstrated professional competencies in subject areas as specified by rule and regulation of the state board of education pursuant to section 22-60.5-203; EXCEPT THAT ANY APPLICANT WHO HAS COMPLETED AN APPROVED PROGRAM OF PREPARATION FOR TEACHERS OR AN ALTERNATIVE TEACHER PROGRAM ON OR AFTER JULY 1, 1994, BUT PRIOR TO JULY 1, 1995, NEED NOT DEMONSTRATE PROFESSIONAL COMPETENCIES TO RECEIVE A PROVISIONAL TEACHER LICENSE, BUT SHALL DEMONSTRATE PROFESSIONAL COMPETENCIES TO RENEW THE PROVISIONAL TEACHER LICENSE OR TO RECEIVE A PROFESSIONAL TEACHER LICENSE PURSUANT TO PARAGRAPH (c) OF THIS SUBSECTION (1).

Capital letters indicate new material added to existing statutes; dashes through words indicate deletions from existing statutes and such material not part of act.

- (III) A provisional teacher license shall be valid in any school district or districts which provide an approved induction program for teachers. Any provisional license issued pursuant to this paragraph (b) shall be valid for a period of three years after the date of issuance and is renewable only once for an additional period of three years. Any applicant who completed an approved program of preparation for teachers or an alternative teacher program on or after July 1, 1994, but prior to July 1, 1995, and received a provisional teacher license without demonstrating professional competencies shall demonstrate professional competencies prior to renewing the provisional teacher license.
- (c) **Professional teacher license.** (I) Except as otherwise provided in subparagraph (II) of this paragraph (c) and section 22-60.5-113, the department of education may, in its discretion, issue a professional teacher license to any applicant who:
- (B) Has completed an approved induction program and has been recommended for licensure by the school district or districts which provided such induction program; AND
- (C) Has demonstrated professional competencies in subject areas as specified by rule and regulation of the state board of education pursuant to section 22-60.5-203 if the applicant received a provisional teacher license without demonstrating professional competencies pursuant to sub-subparagraph (C) of subparagraph (I) of paragraph (b) of this subsection (1).
- **SECTION 2. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds, determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.

Approved: May 31, 1994